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WHERE IS THE A.C.A. GOING?

Who can say? Is the A.C.A.'s direction determined by the whims of the President? Let us speak freely. This is and has always been the case with the A.C.A. and I believe that this is inappropriate.

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The members should decide on the purpose that their organization should serve. As an example, if the members decide that they want the A.C.A. to manufacture chess tables (and nothing else) then the President should not be able to cause the association to do anything other than manufacture chess tables.

The purpose of the ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION and its objectives shall be decided at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM). I intend to present to the membership for their approval at the AGM a carefully worded purpose (the generally accepted term is 'Mission Statement').

As a member, your help is needed to prepare such a statement. Please send your comments as to what YOU believe the A.C.A. should do.

Since "CHESS" is in our name then it is expected that your comments will pertain to chess. As an affiliate, we have an implicit duty and responsibility to the C.F.C. so I suggest that your comments should contemplate their requirements of publishing and maintaining the Lavs of Chess in Canada, consonant with any decisions in such matters published by FIDE, and the Rules and Regulations (excepting local rules and regulations not in conflict with them) governing chess competitions held under the auspices of the Federation, or any of its affiliates, or its authorized appointees.

The name also contains the proper noun ''ALBERTA'' and it is incorporated in Alberta (it can only operate in the province). This should constrain the A.C.A.'s purpose, in my opinion, to the boundary of the province.

Should the A.C.A. be involved in all aspects of chess or should it be prohibited from some areas? For example, the founding members had intended to restrict the A.C.A. to amateur activities. Clearly, the numerous ties to professionals or semi-professionals that have occurred over the years have demonstrated that the original (and, to this date, the only) objectives of the A.C.A. have become obsolete.

Here are the original objectives that were set for the A.C.A. when it was founded on September 10, 1973:

- a) To administer, coordinate and foster chess activities in Alberta;
- b) To give guidance to any group wishing to form a chess club and to help maintain existing clubs;

- c) To represent the Alberta chess community to the C.F.C., local government, other chess associations in matters dealing with planning and directing of tournaments, exhibitions and matches;
- d) To promote, arrange and hold any and all kinds of amateur chess contests, exhibitions and competitions, and to contribute towards and provide for the awarding of prizes and trophies therein;
- e) To promote and afford the opportunity for friendly and social activities;
- f) To sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with the property of the society;
- g) To operate branches and associate or affiliate with other societies with similar objects;
- h) To generally do all things that may appear necessary and useful in accomplishing the purposes hereinabove set out.

Note also that the incorporation documents of the had a general comment describing its intended domain as: "The operations of the society are to be chiefly carried out in the Cities of Calgary and Edmonton in the Province of Alberta.

Even if you feel that the above stated objects should not be changed, please send your comments to: Fred A. McFaul/ P.O. Box 2622, Stn. M/ CALGARY AB T2P 3C1

SHOULD THE A.C.A. BE A CHARITY CASE?

I believe that the A.C.A. should apply for registration with Revenue Canada as a charity. Here is what the C.F.C. says about its registration as a charity: 'This marked an important milestone in the history of Chess in Canada, since all donations are now considered tax-deductible. (1983 Handbook, p.14-1).

Registering as a charity will provide an important capacity for generating revenue for the A.C.A.

Do you need more convincing? You shouldn't but here is another pivotal fact: the Goods and Service Tax (G.S.T.). Are you aware that many, if not all. services that the A.C.A. currently provides to its members will be taxed under the G.S.T.? This means collecting tax from members and administering its remittance to the Feds. That is taxing you (which you won't like) and additional administration tasks for the A.C.A. (which the Board does not like). If registered as a charity, all of the goods and services provided by the A.C.A. will be exempt from tax (Reference PART VI of SCHEDULE V).

Do you still need convincing? If you do then you are being silly. However, if registered as a charity then the A.C.A. will pay 50% less tax on all goods and services acquired! (Reference GOODS AND SERVICE TAX, Sub-Section 259(4)).

When the C.F.C. registered and when they expressed the importance of so registering, there was no G.S.T. so the importance of registering as a charity is now much greater!

EDITOR'S MESSAGE / APOLOGY by Bob South

When I agreed to become the new editor for the ACR it did occur to me that it might involve a fair amount of work but with my handy-dandy optical scanner to reduce the amount of typing required and a world-standard software package like ALDUS PageMaker to work with there should be no problem right? Vell maybe the next issue will go easier

Contrary to what Greg Huber and Chris Demers might think from the tardiness of this issue there contributions are appreciated. To anyone who might_like to contribute to future issues the following options:

a) Type the stuff.
b) 3.5" or 5.25" disk indicating word processing package used
(VORDSTAR, VORD PERFECT, XYVRITE etc.)

c) If you have modem then phone me and we'll arrange download. Finally, my thanks to Fred McFaul for his helpful advice.

threatens d4, which would 16. Ne2 Ne5 expose black's centre as ..Bal doesn't give black being weak. Thus, black now

it hard for white to unplay after 17...Ng4 (not tangle his knights. The 17...Ra7 18.b6!) I imagine usual plan of playing Nc1, that the counterplay is Nd1 and c3 now doesn't work insufficient, but I 'felt' because of the pin on the white queen and the subse- lems would be even harder to quent weakness on c2.

10. a3

An interesting plan that Chris Demers and I have been trying as of late. White intends to play b4, thus opening lines for his rooks on the queenside and breaking the pin on the c3 knight. Nec6 ... Nec6

Going pawn grabbing with 10...Ne2+11.Qe2 Bc3 12.bc3 Qc3 is too risky because of the obviously weak dark

squares.

11. Rfb1 o-o vd vem videsa 12. Kh1!?

interesting vaiting move, which simply gets the king out of the checking range of the N/d4. The other obvious alternative was 12.b4. Black's most consistent option would be 12...Qc7 (it would be inferior to exchange pawns once on b4 because white's al rook becomes active and black's control of d4 is lessened) vith a roughly level game. After 12.b4, black also has the interesting (but dubious) option of playing 12...cb 13 ab Qh5!? utilizing the white king position. A likely line would then go 14.Nf4 Nf3+ 15.Bf3 Qf3 16.Qe2 (...e5 and ...Bh3 was threatened) 16...Qe2 (16...Ne5 17.Ra3 and the N/e5 is slightly misplaced) 17.Nfe2 and black is upree because of 21...a5 when the passed a-pawn very quickly becomes dangerous. slightly misplaced) 17.Nfe2 and black is worse because of the weak a7 pawn and

Huber-Reeve
1990 Alberta Closed
12 .. Bd7
Chameleon Sicilian
13 . b4 cb?!
Retreating the queen to c7
right away was to be pre12 . Nc3 Nc6
13 . Nge2 g6
14 . g3 Bg7
15 . Bg2 d6
16 . d3 e6
17 . Be3
This is all very standard up threatens d4, which would for the standard up threatens d4.

enough compensation for his usually prevents d4 as he material deficit after 17.bc6

does in the game.

7... Nd4

8. o-o Ne7

9. Qd2 Qa5

17. h3

A prophylactic move, taking away an important square from the N/e5.

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A prophylactic move, taking away an important square from the N/e5. A useful move, which makes allows black some counterthat after h3 black's probsolve. 17... Rfc8 ..Nc4 18.dc4 Ba1 19.Ra1 Qc4

does not leave black with nearly enough play. 18. f4?

A hasty move, forcing black to give two minors for a rook and a pawn, but this time he gets lots of play as well. The simple 18 Ra2 would leave black with a horrible position (weak a7 pawn, the N/e5 is almost trapped, white's c4 is about to be played...)

18... Nc4! ter than 18...Nd3, which

Stagnating both the B/f3 and the N/e2. White has hardly any pieces he can move. The d6 pawn is still immune due to Rd8 and Rd3. 23. Rd1 Taking on a7 just allows Black to penetrate through the a-file, and playing f5 loses to Bc6. Rd1 (or Rb1) is the only way to try to

hold onto the e-pawn. I was

 $22.\,\text{Nd}4$ then $22.\,\cdot\,.\,\text{Qc}3$ $23.\,\text{Qc}3$ Rc3 $24.\,\text{Nb}5$ Re3 and white will lose the ending.

starting to get into time trouble already. 23... Ba4 24. Rb1 Bc6 25. Rb4 Qe6 26. Kh2 a5 27. f5 Qe8

22... e5!

27. f5 Qe8 gf? ef and the white rook gets to swing over to the Kside. 28. Rb1 a4

28. Rb1 a4 29. Qd6 Ra6 30. Rb6 If 30.fg Be4 and white is dead. (31.gh+ Kh8) 30... Rb6

31. Bb6

White is in bad time trouble now, and does not have time to decide to resign! 31... Ra8

32. Qa3?

fg would be relatively better.

32 ... gf 33 . Bc5 Qe6 34 . Qc1 fe4 35 . Bg4 f5 36 . Bh5 If Qg5+ then Qg6 and when queens come off the a3 pawn

becomes dangerous. complicating the position and coming back from a relatively bad opening. relatively bad opening.

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by Greg Huber

Ahem. Another Canadian Junior, another dismal performance. I really wish I could convince myself to play well during these junior tournaments, as I haven't been pleased with my performance in any of them.

Vell, at least I have one more year to attempt to overcome this 'dysfunction' tion'....

Lev Becker and I represented Alberta at this year's twelve-man competition, which was held in Toronto. The site itself was not anything wonderous (it was held in a community centre), but it was certainly adequate for what we needed. Yves Farges and Alex Knox co-directed the tournament, and there were absolutely no problems as far as organization and directing went (since each of them are veterans at these arts). Quebecois Alexandre LeSiege won the tournament with 8.5/11, although I can't say I was really impressed with his play (for in-stance, he was getting crushed in round 1 by a relatively low-rated player from Manitoba but was able to swindle him and win). But, suffice to say, Alexandre did play better than all his competition and certainly deserved the victory. Tied for second with 8/11 was another Quebecian, Thanh-Nha Duong and Ontario's Ron Livshits. Both of them played solidly and took advantage of opportunities given to them by their opponents. I finished a wishy-washy fourth place (7/11), with several eratic games and results. (winning drawn games, losing won games, etc.)

Lev had a fairly good result for his first junior, finishing with 50% (5.5/11) to take seventh place

dudally a helpful move for by g4.

eventual kingside expanions for the sion.

8... Bd7
9. 0-0 h6
19. ef5 Bf5
20. gf gf
11. e4
12. ef allows 21. Bd5 (7/11), with several eratic

The following two games were quite typical of the tournament (for me, anyway). In each game I was winning or had quite a strong position and then I started playing mercifully 1989/90 Canadian Junior started playing mercifully (or rather, stupidly, which is often a sister of mercy). In my game against Kerr I was given the opportunity to play a beautiful sacrifice, but decided against it. My intuition told me to play it, but I was frustrated by the fact that I couldn't analyze it to the end, and so I didn't play it. In my game against Duong I had a good position and a very threatening initiative on the kingside. But, I decided to win a pawn too early, give him lots of counterplay, create weak-nesses in my position, and lose a drawn ending. Impressive, hunh?

> Finally, I would like to lems.
> thank the ACA for once again 13...f4! Finally, I would like to funding me and Lev and giving us a chance to play in such a prestigious event. It is tournaments like this 14. Ne7 that really give juniors a In order to prevent Nd4 from

English (Reversed Chame- 14...Ne7 leon) 15. Bc3

6. d3 Nge7 kingside attack. White can do little more than mark mediately playing Be6 and Qd7 so as to meet an eventual Nd5 with Nce7 and c6. 17. Qe2 g5?!
7. Bd2 Be6 Impatient.
8. Ng5!?

An interesting idea. This forces black to end up with his bishop on a slightly worse square (d7 as compared to e6), but h6 gets played for free. h6 is usually a helpful move for

take seventh place. 11. e4 ..ef allows 21.Bd5
Perhaps not the best plan. 21. Bd5 Be6
The position now resembles 22. Qe4

a Botvinnik Attack, but the knight on f3 would be better placed on e2 so it doesn't interfere with the f-pawn's advance. Better would be the usual English plan of Rb1, b4, b5 etc. 11...f5

The natural break for black's

12. Nd5 Rf7?! A waiting move, but a rather pointless one unfortunately. At the time I was unable to find a constructive plan (since the N/d5 ties up many pieces), but perhaps play-ing Be6 intending Qd7 was the best idea. Moving the bishop again wouldn't really be losing a tempo because, as stated earlier, h6 got played for free and black would have made that

move anyway. White is trying to force f4 through, but this method runs into tactical prob-

Now black gets a good game after 14.gf Nd5 15.cd5 Qh4 16.dc6 bc6 14. Ne7

chance to improve. happening. White has a long-term problem in that Nha Duong - Greg Huber g4 if the knight retreats to he has to worry about g5 and f3. is too risky because of

1. c4 e5 gf is simply met by 15...ef
1. c4 e5 15...c5
2. Nc3 Nc6 It is in black's best interest to keep the centre
4. Bg2 Bg7 closed so that he can proceed unhindered with his
6. d3 Nge7 kingside attack. White can

16. Re1 Qc8

Impatient. Black would have been much better if he prepared g5 first by playing Kh8 to get off the same diagonal as the f7 rook. After 17...Kh8 white would have to make another waiting move of some sort, as 18 Nf3 allows g5 followed

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Black is now up a pawn, but move in order to ensure the distressed to discover that once light squared B's come queen exchange and avoid a there is no way to prevent off then his B/g7 will be much worse than the B/c3, giving white some compensation for the pawn.

22... f3?

A panicky reaction, hoping unrealistically to be able to mate white. In reality, this pawn move simply cre-ates weaknesses in the black position and gives white control of all the open lines. A consolidating move such as Kh8 was much better.

23. Khi Bd5 24. Qd5 Qc6

The white queen must be driven from d5 where it hits d6, b7, and the pinned rook on f7.

25. Qe6 Re8 26. Qg6 Rf6 27. Qg3 Qd7

The white queen has been chased out of black's position, but there are still serious problems. The f3 pawn is weak, the B/g7 is useless, and the g-file will soon be under white's control.

28. Re4 Putting the weak light squares to good use.

28... Qf7

34. Qe4

Once again the white queen lands on a poverful white square which hits at many weaknesses simultaneously. Black is now losing a pawn. 34...b6

Black's position is worse but probably not lost. The play of how not to play rook problem as before.
next few moves saw us each endings. 65. a5 c4

in some time trouble.
35 Rg3 Kg7
36. Rf3 Qe7
37. Qf5 Rf6

42. Rf4

42 . . . Qb7+ 46. Rf1

of his difficulties, and the ending is now undoubtedly drawn. Black has a must return to f3 or play "bad" bishop, but it is very Kd2 and allow Rg5 with active. In order to free his rook and king white will Re3 62 Rb5 Rd3 and black is have to move his bishop over to g3, when black can trade it off and be in a drawn rook ending.

47. Bf4 h5 48. Bg3 Kh6

Black can simply mark time until white moves his king onto the g-file and black is able to play Be5 and exchange into a drawn ending. The white rook is quite limited as to where it can go due to the threat of ..h4.

49. Re1 Kg7 50. Re4 Kf7

. .Kf6 was probably slightly more aggressive and accurate.

51. a4 Kg??!

Why move the king away from 30. Rg4 Bf8
. Rg8 would leave black too
tied up.
31. Bd2 R8e6
To contest the g-file.
32. Qh4 Rg6
33. Rg6 Rg6
34. Oe4

the centre? Certainly Kf6
Kd4.
or Rg5 were better waiting
59. Ra7 Kd3
moves. I must admit, though,
60. Rb7 Rf5+
61. Kg2 d5
What else?
Vhat else?
62. cd Rd5
63. Rb6 Rg5?!
63. Rb6 Rg5?!
63. Rb6 Rg5?!

white rook out is a draw, over the game. From here on in I put on a 64.Kh3 Kd4 completely disgusting dis-

55. Re8!

or. QID Rf6

In these endings. All of a a-pawn, force the black sudden black has three very rook to defend, and then win weak pawns that are impost the h5 pawn with the king.

39. Qg4 Qf7

40. f4 ef

41. Rf3 Rg6

A way of force.

41. Rf3 Rg6 55... Rg4 66... c3
A way of forcing queens off, An attempt for counterplay 67.a6 c2
which helps black a lot. (hoping to get something Interesting but insuffiquing where I was playing my cient is 67...Rc5 68.bc5 c2 Qf4 leads to basically the rook back and forth from d4 69.a7 c1=Q 70 a8=Q Qf1+ same thing, but 42. Rf4 to g4 and he had to defend 71.Kh4 and all the checks makes black find the next by shuttling his king from are gone.

e3 to f3). I was quite 68. Rc6 Rg6

really bad position. white from picking up one of my pawns. But, it seems I'm 43. Of3 Of3+
44. Rf3 Bg7
45. b3 Bd4
46. Pf1

Able to get sufficient counterplay even if I play
47. Counterplay even if I play
48. Counterplay even if I play
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49. Counterplay even if I pla brute force the ending with Black has overcome the worst 56.Rd8 Ke6 57. Rh8 Rg5 58.Rh7 a5 59.Rb7 Rf5+! 60.Kg2 (If 60 Ke3 Re5+ then white counterplay) 60 ... Re5! 61.Rb6 doing fine. Or, 55...Rg7 56.Rh8 Kg5 57.Rd8 Rg6 58.Rd7 Rf6+ 59.Kg2 Re6 60.Ra7 Re3 61.Rb7 Rd3 62.Rb6 Kg4 with counterplay and a likely draw.

56.Rf8+ Ke5?

An idiotic move. (and no, I wasn't in time trouble!) 56...Ke6 was infinitely better, so that the h5 pawn doesn't go with check. If then 57.Rh8 Rd4 58.Rh6+! Ke7 59.Ke3 Rg4 60.Rh5 Rg3+ is a comfortable draw.

57. Rh8 Rg5 Disgusting, but forced. If 57...Rd4 58.Rh5+ Ke6 59.Rd5! creates a winning king and pawn ending.

58. Rh7 Kd4 Transposing is 58...Rf5+ 60.Kg2 (if Ke3 then Rg5)

As good a time as any. Forcing white to improve 52.. Be5 his king position for no particular reason. 63...c4 looks like a try, but 64.bc Making things difficult for Kc4 65.Rb5! wins the king no reason at all. The and pawn ending. 63....Kd4 simple 54...Kf7 keeping the is a slight improvement

...c4 runs into the same

If black does nothing then

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69. Rc2 Ra6 open file after white re-70. Rc5! captures with his e4 pawn. vs. R ending. pawn on the board might confuse white. If 71...Rb4 then 72.Rf5 cuts of the white king on a rank and is an elementary win. (Eg. 72.Rf5 Ke4 73.g4 Rb8 74.Kh4 79.Rf7+) 79.Rh8 etc. 72.b5 Rb8 73. Rh4+ Kf5 Black's play must be based 74. Rb4 Rb6 on b5 and b4, so it seems 75. g4+ Kg5 76. Kg3 Kf6 75. g4+ Kg5
76. Kg3 Kf6
77. Kf4 Ke6
78. Ke4 Rb8
79. b6 Rg8
80. Kf4 Rf8+

10gical to start it immediately.
10. Bg5
Asking black to decide what to do with his N/f6, since white now has the option of 80. Kf4 Rf8+

81. Kg3 Kd6

82. b7 Rb8

83. g5 Ke6

84. Kg4 Kf7

85. Kf5 Kg7

86. Ke6

80. Kf4 Rf8+

White now has the option of a pains by capturing twice on fe.

10... Nd5

The best way to clarify the fe issue.

11. ed5 Ne5

12. f4

Black resigns. 1-0 12. f4 Originally I wanted to play white. He took advantage of was able to turn a dead draw endings during the same tournament, but unlike this game, I was actually thinking during those ones!)

Huber - Chris Kerr

Personally, I don't think 14... b5 this set-up is very good for Likewise. black. White always seems to get kingside chances and a nice bind on the position whereas black often has to scramble to get enough play on the queenside. 5. Bg2 Bg7

6. o-o o-o

7. Nd5 variation. This knight cramps black's position, and if black captures it with his N/f6 then he ends up with a weak e-pawn on an

Sealing black's fate. It Furthermore, if black plays will turn into a lost R+P e6 to drive the N/d5 away then white can simply cap-70... Rb6 ture on f6 and then aim for the d4 break which would the d4 break which would Hoping that leaving the b- expose many weaknesses in black's position. 7... Nc6

7... NC6 8. c3 Bd7 Obviously this developing move is necessary before expanding on the queenside. Rh8+ 75 Rh5 Rf8 76 Rh6 Kf4 The immediate 8...b5 is met 77.g5 Kf5 78 Kh5 Rf7 (Rg8 by 9.Nf6+ and 10.e5 with junk on the long diagonal. 9. d3 Rb8

logical to start it immedi-

A well played ending by Qd2 in this position, but then I noticed that black all my horrible moves and would be able to play Bh3! and exchange light colored into a win. (At least I was B's. White's d5 pawn and able to win two drawn rook king position would be much weakened then. 12... Ng4

13. Qd2 Nf6

Playing 13...b5 would just transpose to the game. White now must utilize his space advantage on the kingside in order to generate an Chameleon Sicilian

1. e4 c5
2. Nc3 d6
3. Nge2 Nf6
4. g3 g6

1. order to generate an attack there, while black strives to break open lines on the queenside for his heavy pieces.
14. h3
Intending a pawn storm.

15. g4 Qb6

A good, natural move which anticipates the eventual opening of the b-file.

16. f5 c4+

This allows white to seal white wants), but is the only way for black to ensure An important move in this that lines are opened on the queenside. If black played 16...b4 immediately then 17.c4 seals everything, leaving white free to pillage the black king. 17. d4 b4

18. Rae1 This was necessary to evacuate the rook from al, since the black queen will soon be deep in white's queenside and having something tied to the defense of the al rook would be clearly bad. 18...Rfe8?! Black decides to defend his e-pawn immediately rather than later. Breaking on the queenside right away gives white a chance to go wrong. After 18...bc 19. bc Qb2 20.Qe3 black, as well as playing Re8 as in the game, has the interesting plan of ignoring the e-pawn with 20...Qa2. Now 21.Bh6 would be much weaker than in the game (due the the presence of the R/f8), and 21.Qe7 allows 21...Rfe8 22.Qd6 Rb6! 23.Qc7 Re2 wins. Thus, after 20...Qa2, white should possibly try 21.Ra1 in order

rank with a very compli-cated position. 19.Bh6 ending Bg7, g5 and f6.

19... bc Clearly the way to start counterplay. Taking the bishop on h6 loses a tempo compared to the game.

to penetrate to the seventh

20. bc Qb2 21. Qf4 Bh6

The only way to avoid the afore-mentioned pawn-roller on the kingside. 22. Qh6 Qa2??

Giving white a golden opportunity to blow black out of the water. 22...Qc2 was much more prudent since it defends the critical g6 square once more and prepares Rb2 with counterplay. 23. g5 Nh5 24. Be4??

I analyzed the winning sacrifice for about 20 of my remaining 30 minutes, and then decided it was too 'murky'. Then, noticing that I was running short of time, I played 24.Be4?? almost instantly since it was 'safe' and the sacrifice would be even stronger the centre (which is what next move. Naturally, it was a blunder.

The winning line (which I looked at for a long time!) goes as follows: 24.fg! hg (24...fg changes nothing) 25. Rf7!! Kf7 26. Qh7+ Ng7 (forced) 27. Be4! Bf5 (again, forced, since 27...e6 28. Qg6+ Kf8 (Kg8 Rf1!) 29. Rf1+

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Nf5 30. de6 wins) 28. Bf5 32. Kh1 Be4+ Anyway, I came in tied for second with Jeff I had analyzed was 29.g6+? 34. Qe7 Rf4! Reeve and Greg Huber, which allows Kf6 and black 35. Rf4 Rb2+ each of us scoring 4.5 seems to survive.) Now, the threat is 30. g6+ Kf6 31.Qh4 White resigns 0-1 Bob South, scoring an amazing 7 out of 7 in mate. Black has a few ways to try and counter this, but none work.

29...Rf8 30. g6+! Ke8 31.

Qg7 Rb7 32 Ne6 wins 29...Rg8 30. g6+ Kf8 31.

Ne6+ wins 29...Rh8 30. Re7+!! (not g6+? Kf6) Ke7 31. Qg7+ Ke8 (31...Kd8 32. Ne6+) 32. Qh8+ Kd7 33. Qb8 wins 29...e5 30. g6+ Ke7 (Kf8 Qh8+ transposes) 31. Qg7+

Kd8

32. Ne6+ Re6 33.de6 wins 29...e6 is basically the same as 29...e5

I was quite annoyed with myself after the game for ignoring my intuition (which told me to sack!) and playing such a horrible move like 24.Be4

24... Qd2! Completely tying white up with pins and forks and stuff like that. After looking at the position for a while I became sure I was going to lose (especially
with time-trouble start-25. fg Qe3+ 26. Rf2?

Z6. RfZ? Better 26.Kh2!, black is still winning but is forced to be careful, or else he could even lose! Eg, 26.Kh2! Qh3+ 27.Kg1 Qg4+ 28.Kh2 hg?? 29.Rf7! Qh4+ (Kf7 30.Bg6+ mates) 30.Kg1 Qe1+ 31.Rf1 Of1+ (forced) 32.Kf1 and black is still in trouble. To avoid this, black must recapture with the f-pavn on move 28 so that after 29.Rf7 Qh4+ 30.Kg1 Qe1+ 31.Rf1 Qe2 the g6 pawn is still defended.White pins his own rook, it's all over

27. Refi 26... hg 27.Bg6 fg6 28.Qg6+ Ng7 29.Qf7+ Kh8 white has no follow-up. 27...Bh3 28.Bg6

THEORETICAL TURBULENCE by Chris Demers

The 1990 Alberta Closed was held on the weekends of May 5-6 and May 12-13 with one game held privately between each of the players. A couple of problems plagued the tournament early. When we first got to the site, the TD (Fred South)/ the Organizer (Fred McFaul) and I (found out one very interesting fact, this is not the site that we were supposed to have. After sorting the problem out (it turned out to be the wrong community assoclation) we got to the real site, the Palliser Community Association. Aside from the tournament hall being so far away- the conditions for the tourney were excellent, with a kitchen, an analysis room and even a fridge for storing food and drinks in. I had a disastrous first weekend, scoring a pathetic 1/2 point out of 3- Next weekend, I was determined to get in some good games- and hoPefully some points as well. My rounds on Saturday were against Jeff Reeve and John Baser

both with White. As it turned out, both games ended up being a theoretical discussion of the same opening (The chameleon variation of the Sicilian Defence, and also my pet opening). I did win both games, but some interesting developments turned out from 28.Bg6

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30. Qf7+ Kh8
31. Nf4 Bf5

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amazing 7 out of 7 in what was the strongest Alberta closed ever. congratulations Bob! (and the \$500 first prize didn't hurt either!)

I also want to make a special thanks to the director, Fred South, and to the organizer Fred Mcfaul for making the tournament run so smoothly.

Round 5 Demers - Reeve

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nge2

The Chameleon Variation of the Sicilian Defence. White's objective is to play moves available to both Open and Closed
Sicilians, until Black
commits to one system.
Then White attempts to switch to the other system.

3. ... g6 4. g3 Bg7 5. Bg2 d6 6. 0-0 e6 In both cases, Black adopts a Closed system with an early Bg7, so White has difficulty playing d4 to open the game if Black plays cor-rectly. I consider this to be the most dangerous system for Black against the Chameleon. 7. d3 Nge7 This is where the games generally diverge. 8. Bg5 Also to be considered was Rbl!? as in Spassky - M. Chandler BRD 1987 (Informant 43/189) with the idea of a quick b4 and working along the b-line and the long white diagonal. That game continued 8... 0-0 9.Be3 Nd4 10.b4 b6!? 11 e5 Nd5 with unclear play.

Now, there are 2 ideas to consider' One is to castle quickly and hold d4 with 8...0-0 9.Qd2 e5!

This prevents White from playing d4 himself, as 14 ab4 Qh5 watchi this would give White a 15 Nf4 game?

Rightly deciding that the two bishops will be inferior to the Knights because of the restricted nature of the position.

At this time, it is imperative to have your long range goals in mind. This is the type of position where, if you don't have a concrete plan, your position can easily deteriorate.

13... cb4?

Full marks if you don't to open the a-file with this move. Black's plan, in my opinion, is to keep things closed and complete his development, including his control of the center. 13... Qd8 seems to suggest itself—

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23... Bd4

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24. Nfe2 Bc5

25. Ra2 f5

Trying for activity against f2, but Vhite simply ignores it and hits the queenside.

26. d4 Ba7

27. Ra6 e5?

Admitting defeat, but what else was there to do?. If 27. Rf7 28. Rbal (not 28. Rb7?? Bc8!)

29. Rd6 and Black is so inactive that it won't back and say "I'm up a pawn now, anything will win". Now is when Page 8 ACR August 1990

10. Nd5 f6 11. Ne7 Ne7
12. Be3 b6 (intending Rb8, and b5. White will 30. Nd4 fe4
d5!?) as in SpasskyFedorovicz, Cannes 1987. The other is to punt the bishop with:

14. bc5 bc5 15. Kf1, intending Ke2 if Black
takes the knight off on that square. Play would
be very complex.

So, Round 6 and I have White against Tohn Raser

i) 13. Qe2 Nd4 14. Qd2 21. Qf3 Nf3+ or 9. ... Nd4 or 9. ... e5!?

Qc7 intending h5,0-0 with 22. Kg2 Nd4 unclear play. 23. Bd4! 10. d4!

ii) 13. Ne2 Qd2 14. Bd2 Rightly deciding that the two bishops will be inferior to the Knights a gigantic weakness and

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I think that this helps
White in that it presents him with a queenside target . After 12. Ne2+, then:

Maybe 20. ... Ra6, In I think that this is an error as it allows White to attain his goal (attaining d4 when Black's position is bad for an Open Sicilian.). To be preferred was 9. ... Nd4

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White should redouble his efforts and find the easiest way to converte the seasest way to converte the sease the sease that way to converte the sease the sease that way to converte the sease that way to converte the sease the sease the sease that way to converte the sease that way to converte the sease the sease that way to converte the sease the sease that way to converte the sease that way to converte the sease that way to conver

31. Rf8 Ra6 32. Rh8 h5
35. Rh9 Ka7 36. Rh7, Kd6
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37. Rh9 Rc7 Kb9 40. Rb7, Kd6
37. Rh9 Rc7 Kb9 40. Rb7, Kd6
38. Rh9 Rc7 Kb9 40. Rb7, Kd6
41. Rb7 Md6 42. Rb3 Rb4
42. Rb4 48. Rb4 kb6 41. Rb4 48. Rb4 4

16. Qe2 C6 17. Be4 d5
BB3 B15 19 Rd1 Qe3
20. Qe3 Be3 21. Nc3 Rae8
35. Bb5 Qh4 36. Bf1 Rf4
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37. GF2 Qe4 38 Rh1 Qf2
1-0
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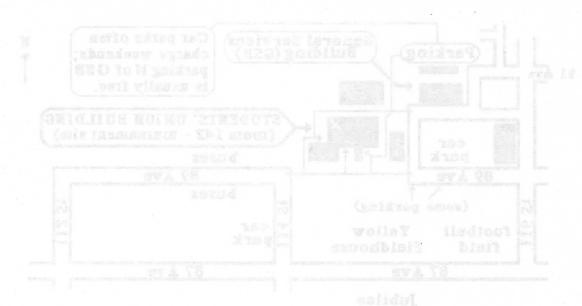
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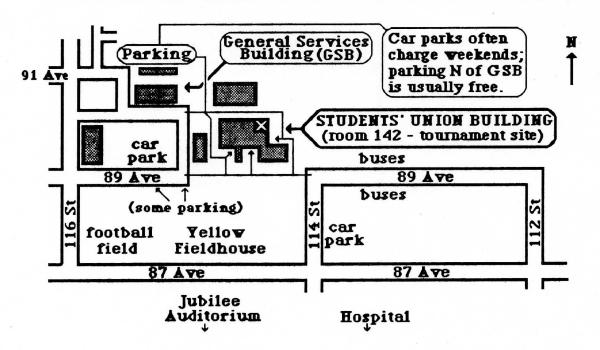
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